

REMARKS

1. This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 24, 2008. Claims 13-23 have been allowed. The Examiner is thanked for allowing the claims. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any fees deemed owed.

2. Claims 1-2 and 5-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,254,567 to Dennis Treu et al. ("Treu") in view of Roberts et al., "Innovative Peritoneal Dialysis Flow-Thru and Dialysate Regeneration" ("Roberts"). Claims 24-30 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable in view of Treu and Roberts, and Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable in view Roberts only. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable in view of Treu and Roberts, and further in view of a published scientific paper by A. Vychtyl and W.H. Horl, entitled "The role of tidal peritoneal dialysis in modern practice: A European perspective," published in Kidney International (2006) 70 pp. S96-S103.

3. Independent Claims 1 and 24 have been amended. In addition, numerous of the dependent claims have also been amended. No new matter has been added in amending the claims. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments, and to reconsider the application.

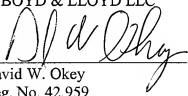
4. Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution in this case, or would be of use to the Examiner, she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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